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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE CHAIRMAN' S REPORT ON THE AD HOC GROUP
FOR THE PERIOD 30 APRIL - 6 MAY 1973. BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE AD HOC GROUP, THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS THE CHAIRMAN' S OWN ACCOUNT OF THE
WEEK' S PROCEEDINGS.

2. THE ALLIED EMISSARIES HAVE HAD THREE MEETINGS WITH THE SOVI-
ETS AND ONE WITH SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO THEM BY THE GROUP TO PURSUE
THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE COUNCIL' S INSTRUCTIONS OF 27 TH
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3. AT THE MEETINGS ON 28 TH, 29 TH AND 30 TH APRIL, GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SCENARIO FOR THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION, WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENTS. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING WOULD BE GIVEN IN THE FORM OF A JOINT STATEMENT, AND THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FIRST SESSION WOULD BE DRAWN BY LOT BEFOREHAND. THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND THE EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE PRESENTED ORALLY AND INCLUDED IN THE RECORD OF THE SESSION, WHICH EACH SIDE WOULD BE FREE TO PUBLICISE AND COMMENT ON. AN AGREED JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE CHAIRMAN AFTER THE SESSION.

4. THE EMISSARIES HOWEVER ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF CARRYING OVER THE PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE EXPLORATIONS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIETS SOUGHT TO MAKE THEIR AGREEMENT ON 'CARRY- OVER' DEPENDENT ON THE INCLUSION OF AN AGREED PROVISION IN WRITING ENABLING THEM TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ALSO ON THE RECEIPT OF AN ORAL ASSURANCE FROM THE ALLIES THAT THEY WOULD NOT RULE THE EASTERN COUNTRIES OUT OF ORDER IF DURING THE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS THEY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. THE EMISSARIES FIRMLY RESISTED SOVIET SUGGESTIONS TO HAVE THE TEXT OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER EXPANDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR RAISING THE QUESTION OF INVITING OTHER EUROPEAN STATES TO PARTICIPATE, OR TO HAVE IT ADOPTED FOR USE DURING THE PRESENT CONSULTATION ONLY, WHILE POSTPONING DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OF 'CARRY- OVER' AND ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS TO A LATER STAGE IN THE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS. THE SOVIETS THEN PROPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS BE MADE ORALLY BY BOTH SIDES ON THIS SUBJECT AND BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION. BOTH STATEMENTS WOULD AGREE TO 'CARRY- OVER' BUT THE EASTERN STATEMENT WOULD IN ADDITION MENTION THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENT DID NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING THE QUESTION OF INVITING ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS AS OBSERVERS.

5. AFTER DETAILED DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A FORMULA TO BE PROPOSED TO THE EASTERN COUNTRIES AD REFEREN-
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DUM ACCORDING TO WHICH AN EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE,
ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED BY THEM, BUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE QUADRILATERAL MEETINGS RATHER THAN IN PLENARY SESSION AND ONLY ORALLY RATHER THAN IN WRITING.

6. AT THEIR MEETING WITH THE ALLIED EMISSARIES ON 4 TH MAY, THE SOVIETS REJECTED THIS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL AND INSISTED THAT THE STATEMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING THE QUESTION OF INVITING OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS OBSERVERS BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY. THEY ALSO PROPOSED A TIME- TABLE WHEREBY THE FIRST PLENARY WOULD TAKE PLACE ON 10 TH MAY.

7. THE GROUP REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, NOTING IN PARTICULAR THAT THE PROBLEM OF MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING INVITATIONS TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS OBSERVERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AGREEMENT ON CARRY- OVER REMAINS THE ONLY OBSTACLE TO THE BEGINNING OF PLENARY SESSIONS. DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION WILL BE RESUMED BY THE GROUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON 7 TH MAY.

8. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLENARY SESSIONS, THE GROUP HAD CONTINUED TO REVIEW THE OPENING STATEMENTS WHICH ALLIED DELEGATIONS INTEND TO MAKE, AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF A JOINT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE FIRST PLENARY. THE GROUP HAS ALSO AGREED THE TEXT OF A PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR USE BY ANY ALLIED CAPITAL WHICH MIGHT WISH TO ISSUE ONE. IN ADDITION, IT HAS REVIEWED THE TEXT OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AFTER THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION, AND HAS ELABORATED A STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE ALLIED SPOKESMAN AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE FIRST PLENARY. ON THE BASIS OF A LIST OF POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS, GENERAL ANSWERS WERE DISCUSSED.

9. IN THE LIGHT OF THE COUNCIL'S INSTRUCTIONS OF 27 TH APRIL, THE GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESENTATION OF ALLIED VIEWS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST ON THE AGENDA SHOULD BE INITIATED BY A GENERAL STATEMENT BY EACH SIDE IN PLENARY SESSION. THE ALLIED STATEMENT SHOULD BE AS SHORT AND UNCONTROVERSIAL AS POSSIBLE, ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREED GUIDELINES AND AGENDA PAPER.
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